

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-14, 17 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Argoitia. Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Argoitia. Claims 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Argoitia in view of Nelson. Applicants respectfully traverse each of these rejections.

This new set of claims is based on a combination of previously pending claims 12, 17 and 18. Furthermore, the features "metal" and "wherein the first reflecting layer is deposited on a web sheeting and the second reflective layer is deposited on the intermediate layer" have been introduced into claim 25, which are disclosed in sections [0012] and [0029] of the application.

New claim 25 is believed to be allowable over Argoitia because, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Argoitia neither discloses nor suggests the feature of former claim 18.

The Examiner's remarks with respect to former claim 18 in the office action are clearly based on impermissible hindsight, because he does not cite any reference which discloses or suggests that the thickness of the second reflective layer is between 1 to 20 nm.

It is not clear why a person of skill in the art must know that a semi-transparent aluminum layer has a thickness between 5 to 40 nm, whereas the applicant assumes that it should read 5 to 20 nm and not 5 to 40 nm.

Furthermore, as previously pointed out in the amendment of September 1, 2009, Argoitia discloses an absorbing layer 18 and not a reflective layer 18.

Thus, all rejections based on Argoitia must be withdrawn.

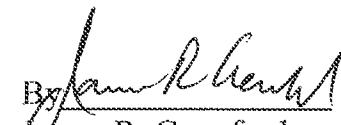
In view of the foregoing, allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter

filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-AFILM-204-US.

Respectfully submitted

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